

accept payment of governmental charges by credit card or debit card; authorizing the addition of a certain service charge, subject to a specified cap; providing that, if a county, municipal corporation, or Baltimore City allows payments by credit or debit cards, specified information must appear on or with certain invoices; defining "governmental charge"; repealing a provision only authorizing payment by credit card of property taxes and related charges; and generally relating to the authority of local government to accept credit and debit cards.

BY repealing

Article – Tax – Property

Section 10-501 and the subtitle "Subtitle 5. Manner of Payment – Credit Card"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 1-101(a) and (b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 9-1401 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 14. Acceptance of Credit and Debit Cards"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 10-501 and the subtitle "Subtitle 5. Manner of Payment – Credit Card" of Article – Tax – Property of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions

1-101.

(a) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, in this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "County" means a county of the State and Baltimore City.

SUBTITLE 14. ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS.

9-1401.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "GOVERNMENTAL CHARGE" MEANS: